



## Press Release

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# Surplus Water Service Temporarily Terminated

## *Termination of Service Will Assist in Meeting State Order*

(Santa Rosa, CA) —The Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) on July 4 will temporarily terminate delivery of water to its surplus customers due to the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Board) Order requiring fifteen percent reduction in water diversion from the Russian River. The Agency provides twenty-three customers with water service on a surplus only basis and is expecting to save more than 100 acre-feet of water between July and October due to the termination of service. Between July and October 2005-06, 99.4 acre-feet of water was delivered to surplus water customers. Surplus water customers include a variety of vineyards and a county government agency. Overall, the Agency must reduce its diversions from the Russian River by approximately 4, 000 acre-feet between July 1 and October 28, 2007 to meet the State Board's Order.

Under the Agency's Water Service Rules that apply to all surplus customers, surplus water service deliveries will be made only during those periods during which, in sole judgment of the Agency, there is an available source of water supply and sufficient transmission system delivery capacity which exceeds the existing and anticipated requirements of the Agency and its regular customers.

"Due to mandatory conservation measures taking place on July 1 surplus deliveries must be terminated in order to meet the State Board's Order," said Pam Jeane, deputy chief engineer of operations. "The termination of service is temporary, ending after the State Order expires on October 28."

The Agency on June 14 announced that the State Board released a revised Order relating to its Temporary Urgency Change Petition for reduced Russian River flows that requires a mandatory fifteen percent reduction in water diversions from the Russian River beginning July 1 to October 28, 2007. The Agency has been working with its water contractors, cities and water districts in Sonoma and Marin counties, along with the business and agricultural community in developing metrics and a work plan to implement the mandatory conservation requirement.

"We have been working closely with our contractors, along with the business and agricultural community, to immediately implement mandatory water conservation measures," said Jeane. "We must reduce our diversions from the Russian River by fifteen percent in order to ensure water supply for fisheries in the fall and to continue providing high quality water for more than 600,000 residents in Sonoma and Marin counties, as well as for the many recreational opportunities on the river."

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*Sonoma County Water Agency provides water supply, flood protection and sanitation services for portions of Sonoma and Marin counties. Visit us on the Web at [www.sonomacountywater.org](http://www.sonomacountywater.org).*